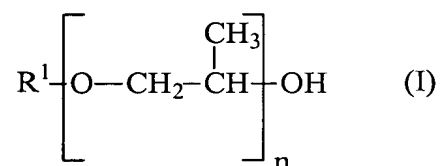


**Amendments to the Claims**

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (previously presented): A fuel composition for internal combustion engines, comprising a principle amount of a liquid hydrocarbon fuel, and an amount, which has an intake system cleaning effect, of at least one propoxylate additive of the formula I



where

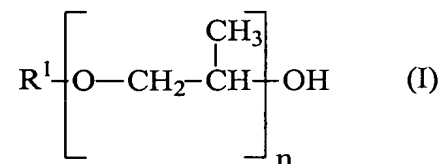
n is an integer of from 14 to 18 and

R<sup>1</sup> is straight-chain or branched C<sub>8</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>-alkyl or C<sub>8</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>-alkenyl.

Claim 2 (original): A fuel composition as claimed in claim 1, which contains the propoxylate of the formula I in an amount of from 50 to 5000 mg/kg of fuel.

Claim 3 (currently amended): A fuel composition for internal combustion engines, containing a principle amount of a liquid hydrocarbon fuel, comprising an amount, which has an intake system cleaning effect, of an additive combination comprising

i) at least one propoxylate additive of the formula I



where

n is an integer of from 14 to 18 and

R<sup>1</sup> is straight-chain or branched C<sub>8</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>-alkyl or C<sub>8</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>-alkenyl; and

ii) at least one detergent additive, selected from a ~~polyalkylamine~~ polyalkylamine additive of the formula II



where R<sup>2</sup> is a straight-chain or branched polyalkyl radical having a number average molecular weight of from about 500 to about 5000; and

if required in combination with at least one lubricity additive.

Claim 4 (Cancelled).

Claim 5 (previously presented): A fuel composition as claimed in claim 3, which contains the additives i) and ii) in a total amount of from about 100 to about 10000 mg/kg of fuel.

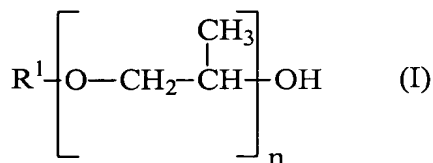
Claim 6 (previously presented): A fuel composition as claimed in claim 3, which contains the additives i) and ii) in a molar ratio of from about 1:10 to about 10:1.

Claim 7 (previously presented): A fuel composition as claimed in claim 3, comprising at least one polyalkylamine additive of the formula II, where  $R^2$  is a radical derived from identical or different  $C_2$ - $C_{30}$ -alkenes.

Claim 8 (previously presented): A fuel composition as claimed in claim 3, which contains, as an additive of the formula II, at least one polyisobutenamine having a number average molecular weight of from 800 to 1500.

Claim 9 (currently amended): A fuel composition as claimed in claim 1, which comprises at least one additive of the formula I, where n is the integer of 15 and  $R^1$  is a straight-chain or branched  $C_{13}$ -alkyl.

Claim 10 (previously presented) A fuel additive comprising, as intake valve cleaner component, at least one propoxylate additive of the formula I



where

n is an integer of from 14 to 18 and

$R^1$  is straight-chain or branched  $C_8$ - $C_{18}$ -alkyl or  $C_8$ - $C_{18}$ -alkenyl,

if required in combination with at least one detergent additive and, if required, together with further conventional fuel additives.

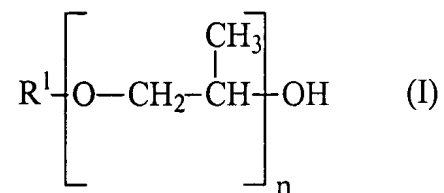
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Claim 11 (currently amended): A fuel additive mixture as claimed in claim 10, further containing a ~~polyakylamine~~ polyalkylamine, wherein the fuel additive mixture contains the at least one propoxylate additive and the polyalkylamine in a molar ratio of from about 1:10 to 10:1.

Claim 12 (previously presented): A fuel additive mixture as claimed in claim 10, which contains as a further additive component at least one lubricity additive.

Claim 13 (Cancelled).

Claim 14 (previously presented): A method of improving the intake system cleaning effect of a fuel composition for internal combustion engines, the method comprising providing the fuel composition with an effective amount of a propoxylate additive of formula I



where

n is an integer of from 10 to 20 and

R<sup>1</sup> is straight-chain or branched C<sub>8</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>-alkyl or C<sub>8</sub>-C<sub>18</sub>-alkenyl.

Claim 15 (previously presented): The method of claim 14, wherein the propoxylate

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Claim 16 (previously presented): A fuel composition as claimed in claim 3, which comprises at least one additive of the formula I, where n is the integer of 15 and R<sup>1</sup> is straight-chain or branched C<sub>13</sub>-alkyl.

Claim 17 (previously presented): The fuel composition of Claim 1, wherein n is 15.

Claim 18 (previously presented): The fuel composition of Claim 3, wherein n is 15.